

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PANAMA 05355 261531Z

ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-08 INR-10 LAB-04

NSAE-00 SIL-01 PM-05 NSC-05 SPTA-02 DODE-00 PA-02

ICA-20 SP-02 /074 W

-----065231 271512Z /53

R 261500Z JUL 78

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8139

UNCLAS PANAMA 05355

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, PN

SUBJECT: STRIKE BY INTERNS AND RESIDENTS IN PANAMA

1. INTERNS AND RESIDENTS AT GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED HOSPITALS IN PANAMA WENT ON STRIKE JULY 20. THEY HAVE BEEN JOINED BY MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION OF ODONTOLOGISTS OPERATING IN PUBLIC FACILITIES. MEETINGS WERE HELD THE NIGHT OF JULY 24 BY THE NATIONAL NURSES ASSOCIATION, THE ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIANS AND THE NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION, TO DECIDE WHAT STAND THESE GROUPS WOULD TAKE ON THE STRIKE. IT WAS ANNOUNCED LATE AFTERNOON, JULY 25 THAT THESE GROUPS ARE OPPOSED TO THE STRIKE.

2. THE STRIKING DOCTORS ARE ASKING FOR: A 50 PERCENT SALARY INCREASE, SHORTER WORKING HOURS, THE PAYMENT OF SALARY INCREASES NOT RECEIVED IN PAST YEARS, A SIX PERCENT SALARY INCREASE EVERY TWO YEARS, AN ACTIVE PART IN THE DRAFTING OF A NEW HEALTH CODE, AND A GUARANTEE FROM THE GOP OF NO REPRISALS AGAINST THE STRIKERS.

3. SINCE THE STRIKE BEGAN, THE PRESS HAS IMPLIED THAT POLITICAL MOTIVES ARE BEHIND IT. AN ARTICLE IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PANAMA 05355 261531Z

JULY 21, 1978, EDITION OF THE "CRITICA" STATED THAT, CARLOS YOUNG ADAMES, PANAMENISTA AND FRIEND OF ARNULFO ARIAS, HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING THE STRIKE. THE JULY 25 "MATUTINO" PRINTED STATEMENTS MADE BY THE CENTRAL NACIONAL DE TRABADORES (CNTP) AND THE CONFEDERACION NACIONAL DE ASENTAMIENTOS CAMPESINOS (CNAC) WHICH CONDEMNED THE STRIKE. THE CNTP SAID THAT SINCE ONLY

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS WERE AFFECTED BY THE STRIKE, IT IS THE LOWER CLASSES WHO HAVE TO SUFFER; PRIVATE CLINICS AND HOSPITALS ARE OPEN FOR THOSE WHO CAN PAY. THE CNAC ACCUSED THE STRIKERS OF REFUSING ALL ATTEMPTS MADE BY THE GOP TO NEGOTIATE.

4. COMMENT: THE STRIKE WAS APPARENTLY BORN PRIMARILY OF ECONOMIC MOTIVES; BUT WITH BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LEFT ON THE ATTACK AND WITH POLITICS EVERYWHERE IN THE AIR, IT IS NOW VERY MUCH A POLITICAL EVENT. JORDEN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONNEL, LABOR STRIKES, HOSPITALS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PANAMA05355
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780308-0474
Format: TEL
From: PANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780719/aaaaapl.n.tel
Line Count: 72
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 32fd576c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1880517
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: STRIKE BY INTERNS AND RESIDENTS IN PANAMA
TAGS: ELAB, PN
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/32fd576c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014